



CDAC MEETING OVERVIEW

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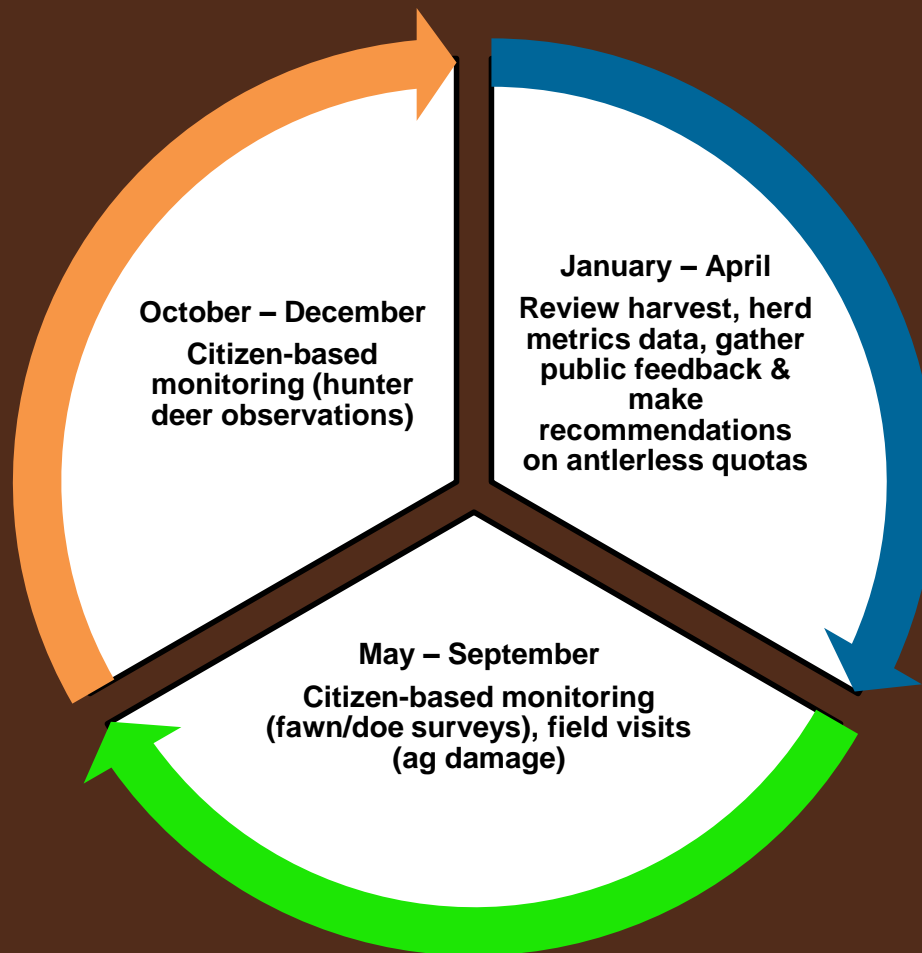


CDAC Charter

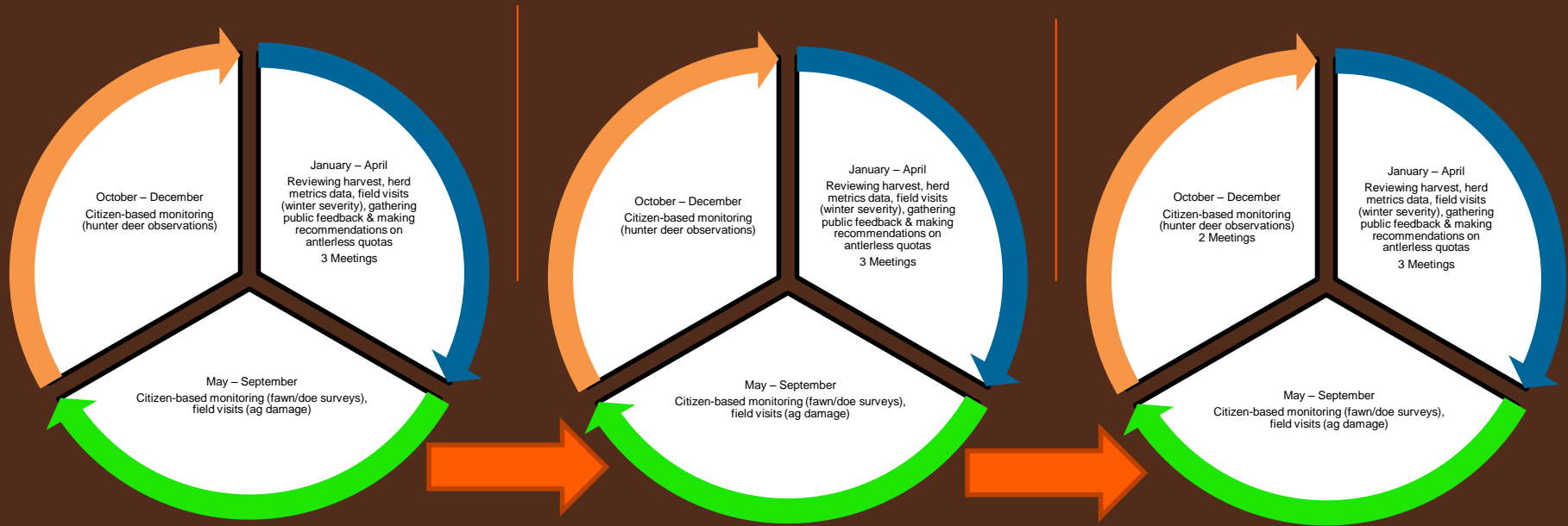
1. Gather public opinion on deer populations goals, antlerless quotas, & season options
2. Review & consider metrics on deer herd trends, impacts and human interactions
3. Provide DNR with recommendations on deer populations, antlerless quotas and season options.



CDAC Annual Cycle



CDAC 3-Year Cycle



Year 1

Quota recommendations are based upon population objectives set for the 3 years. Monitor metric trends.

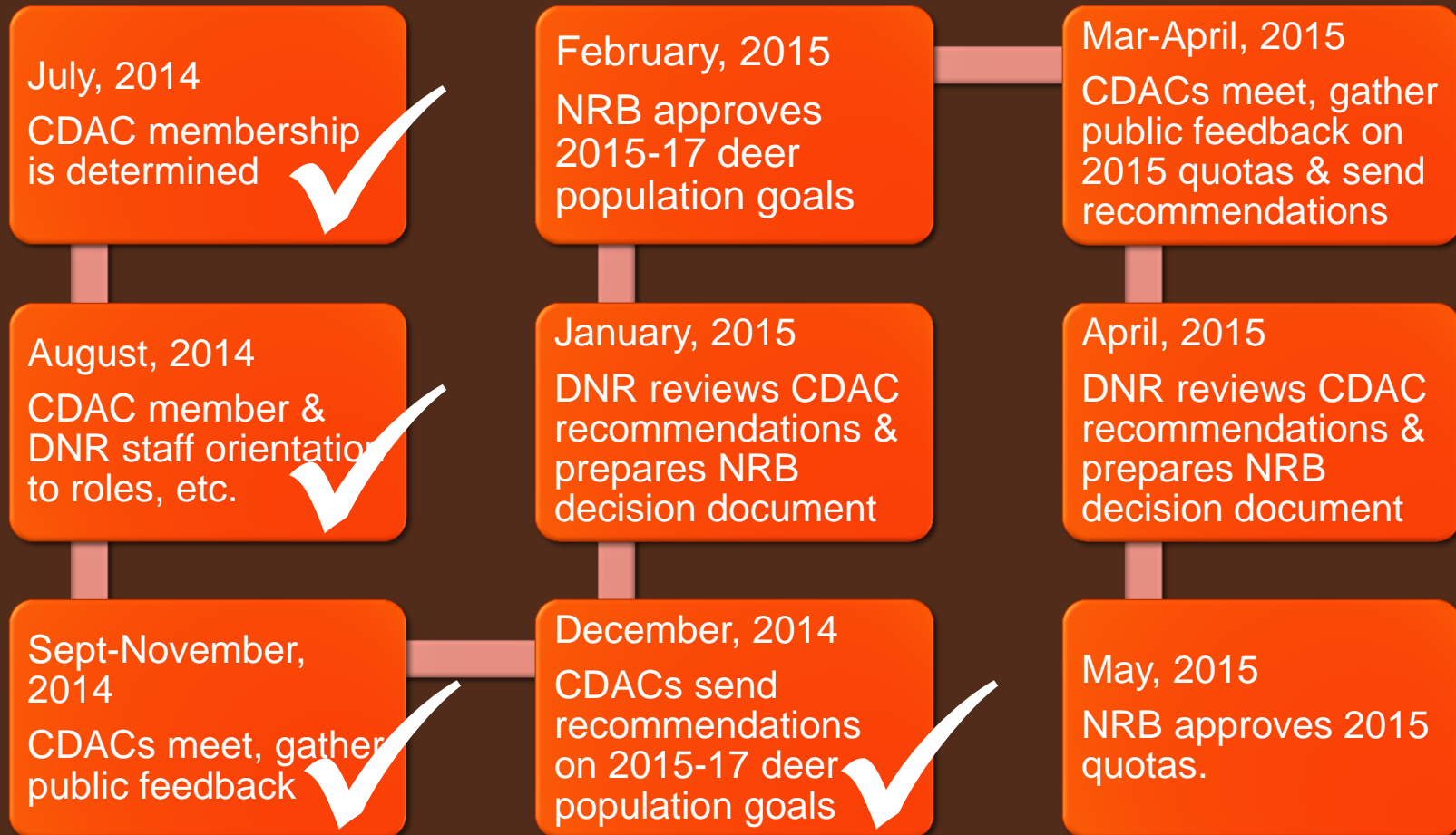
Year 2

Same as year 1

Year 3

During fall, CDAC will make recommendations on population objectives for next 3 year cycle during October - December

CDAC 2014-15 Timeline



Press and Social Media Coverage

“The CDACs will give people the opportunity to become more directly involved in managing deer in their county. The CDACs are something new, something that has never been done before, in Wisconsin or any other state.”

-Bill Thornley,
Spooner
Advocate

The image shows a Facebook post from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, dated November 4. The post is titled "BE PART OF DEER MANAGEMENT" and contains text about a survey for the County Deer Advisory Committee (CDAC). It includes a photo of a deer in a field, credited to Herbert Lange. The post has 30,640 people reached, 299 likes, 145 comments, and 124 shares. The engagement metrics are circled in red. The post also shows 1,772 post clicks, 310 photo views, 632 link clicks, and 830 other clicks. There is a "Boost Post" button at the bottom right.

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
November 4 · 🌐

BE PART OF DEER MANAGEMENT
Now is the time to share your opinions about what your County Deer Advisory Committee (CDAC) is proposing to do about the deer population where you live or hunt. Check out this interactive map (<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/hunt/cdacsurvey.html>) by clicking on the county you're interested in. There you will find the committee's proposal and a link to share your thoughts about it. You have until Dec. 5 to fill out the survey. The CDACs will meet again in December to finalize their proposals. Be part of the tradition and share your opinion today!

Photo by Herbert Lange

30,640 people reached

Boost Post

30,640 People Reached

568 Likes, Comments & Shares

299 Likes	174 On Post	125 On Shares
145 Comments	95 On Post	50 On Shares
124 Shares	112 On Post	12 On Shares

1,772 Post Clicks

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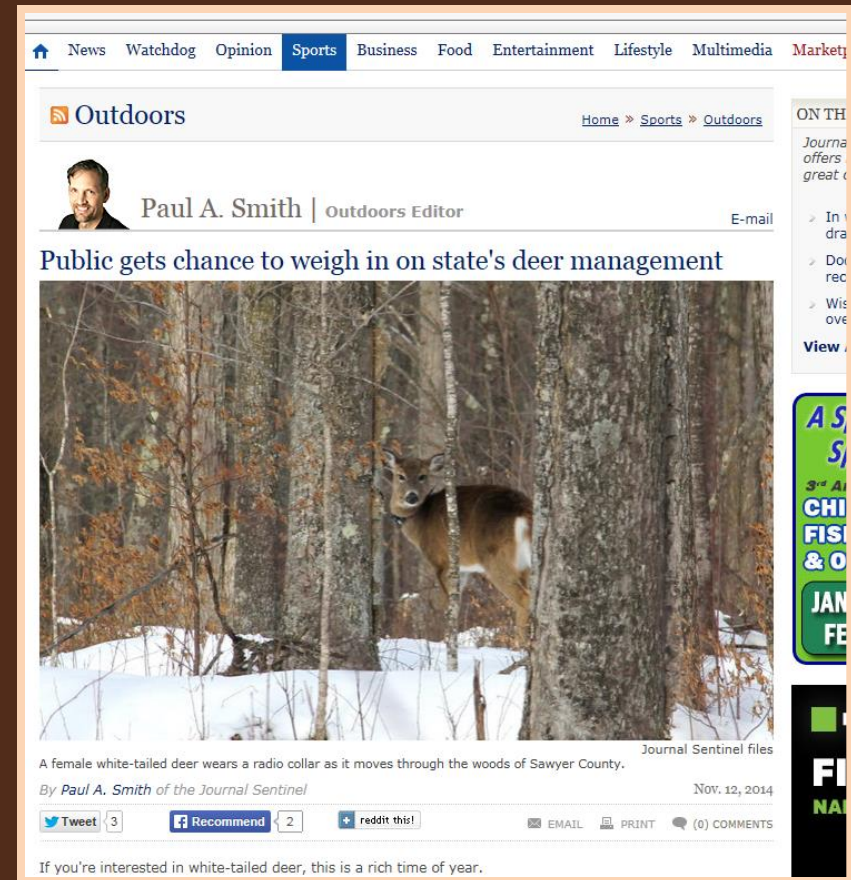
Extensive reach
and generally
positive reception

“As Wisconsin counties go, Milwaukee has a small percentage of its land open for deer hunting. But that doesn't mean it is without deer management issues.[...] I'm looking forward to participating.”

-Paul Smith,
Milwaukee
Journal-Sentinel

Public input


- >6300 respondents of fall meeting process.
- Local press release templates.
- 3 GovDelivery messages – one before each meeting to over 31,000 recipients.
- 5 statewide press releases.



Overview of Fall Meetings

- September: First meetings, deer herd metrics
- October: Second meetings, preliminary population objective recommendations
- November: Public input on preliminary recommendations
- December: Final fall meetings, review of public input and DNR liaisons' assessment, final population objective recommendation vote

County Deer Advisory Council
Final Deer Population Objective
Recommendation
December 2014


Please submit by December 19, 2014.

County:

Submit to DNRCDACWEBMAIL@Wisconsin.gov by December 19, 2014.

1. Council stakeholder comments (if there is no representation for a seat leave blank):

- Agriculture -
- DMAP -
- Forestry -
- Tourism -
- Transportation -
- Urban -
- Hunt/conservation club -
- Chair/alternate-chair -

Challenges: Stakeholder representation

Goal: to fill seats with individuals who have a vested interest in the stakeholder community they will represent.

Goal: to hear from all stakeholder communities.

- Representing personal interests over that of a designated stakeholder group.
- Getting pressure from outside groups on recommendations.
- Concerns with hunters under, or over-representing councils.



Challenges: Deer metrics

Council member review of metrics:

- Were they helpful?
- Were they understandable?
- Were they reviewed by all?

What additional information would be helpful?



Challenges: Agricultural damage

NR 1.15:

(a) Deer population goals. The department shall seek to maintain a deer herd in balance with its range and at deer population goals reasonably compatible with social, economic and ecosystem management objectives for each deer management unit. Deer population goals are to be based on:

- 1. Carrying capacity as determined by unit population responses to habitat quality and historical records of winter severity.
- 2. Hunter success in harvesting and seeing deer and public deer viewing opportunities.
- 3. Ecological and economic impacts of deer browsing.
- 4. Disease transmission.
- 5. Concern for deer-vehicle collisions.
- 6. Chippewa treaty harvest.
- 7. Hunter access to land in a deer management unit.
- 8. Ability to keep the deer herd in a deer management unit at goal.
- **9. Tolerable levels of deer damage**

Challenges: Agricultural damage

Communication on current Administrative Code.

- Where did it break down?
- How can we improve?

Recommendations for increase in an area with “intolerable agricultural damage”.

- How were they reviewed by the department?
- How will they be treated by the NRB?



Challenges: Other recommendations

- Forms were changed to focus public input on population objective recommendations which was the task at hand.
- Additional recommendations were compiled and reviewed by the DNR Deer Advisory Committee on December 22.

Deer Advisory Committee Meeting - 12/22/2014

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mid-plan as they were approved through the public input process. Cutting trees alone does not equate to an increase in the deer population. The department deer advisory committee, U.S. Forest Service, and DNR forestry representatives will compile a list of discussion items pertaining to these recommendations.

- Study deer populations on public lands: The Deer Management Assistance Program may be an outlet.
- Eliminate seasons other than 9-day season: Seasons are set in administrative code or state statute; recommend the Wis. Conservation Congress rule-recommending process.
- Feeding programs: NRB policy does not allow the DNR to establish feeding programs. The state could encourage public feeding if warranted.
- Adjust Unit and subunit boundaries: This can be done during the next review in 3 years.
- Public education: Ongoing.
- Crop rotation on public lands: Comment likely relates to food plots. Current share cropping practices require acreage rotations. Owsley assigned to develop more materials on this topic.
- Eliminate public land antlerless permits: The CDACs already have this authority.

Challenges: Other recommendations

Recommendation	County
Consider more logging opportunities to enhance habitat on public lands	Ashland
Continue study and management of populations on private lands	Ashland
Consider limiting or eliminating special or additional seasons beyond the November 9-day gun hunt or fall bow season (such as muzzleloader, late seasons, youth hunts etc.)	Ashland
Consider temporary feeding programs	Ashland
Potentially reduce the size of the Metro subunit	Brown
Educate the public	Buffalo
Consider rotating crops on public land	Calumet
Eliminate all public land antlerless permits	Chippewa
Give local authorities the power to amend management unit boundaries	Chippewa
Ensure that the public voice is being heard; restore trust between the public and the DNR	Douglas
Evaluate whether crossbow use may allow for greater antlerless harvest	Dane
Encourage more timber cutting and aspen clear-cutting on National Forest and industrial lands	Forest
Eliminate all antlerless permits, including for youth and disabled hunters	Forest
Eliminate all baiting for a 3-year trial	Forest
Reduce predator populations by offering a coyote bounty, make wolf zone smaller to include Forest, Florence and Marinette counties only, increase bear harvest	Forest
County-wide antler point restriction pilot program	Florence
Improve habitat, especially in the western part of the county	Florence
Non-consumptive users would like a buffer zone on public lands open to hunting	Jefferson
Eliminate December doe hunt	Jackson
Educate the public on the deer metrics	Kewaunee
Issue NO antlerless deer permits	Iron
Increase harvest of wolves and bears	Iron
Possibly use Earn-a-Buck if available	La Crosse
Allow hunting clubs to distribute nuisance permits	Milwaukee
Increase options for youth to hunt in urban spaces	Milwaukee
Open hunting on Milwaukee County public land	Milwaukee
Department must return to the scientifically-calculated goal of less than 350 wolves statewide and use an honest count	Oconto
Possibly use the old party permit type of tag where four people apply for a single tag	Price
Attempt to reduce the number of ag tags	Price
Possible return of Earn-a-Buck	Richland
October antlerless hunt	Shawano
[Extended] Nov. 15 - 30 gun deer season	Shawano
Additional free permits in the metro zone; sub-zone registration should be tracked separately	Sheboygan
Increase predator harvest, consider a bounty on coyotes	Sawyer
Antler size restriction	Sawyer
Promote timber harvest to increase deer range on federal, state, county, industrial and private forest lands	Sawyer
Late season hunting could be curtailed if it appears the population is dropping rapidly due to harsh winters, high kill numbers, etc.	Vernon
Push for geographic management tool; habitat diversity and public and private land issues in the county	Washburn

Next Steps

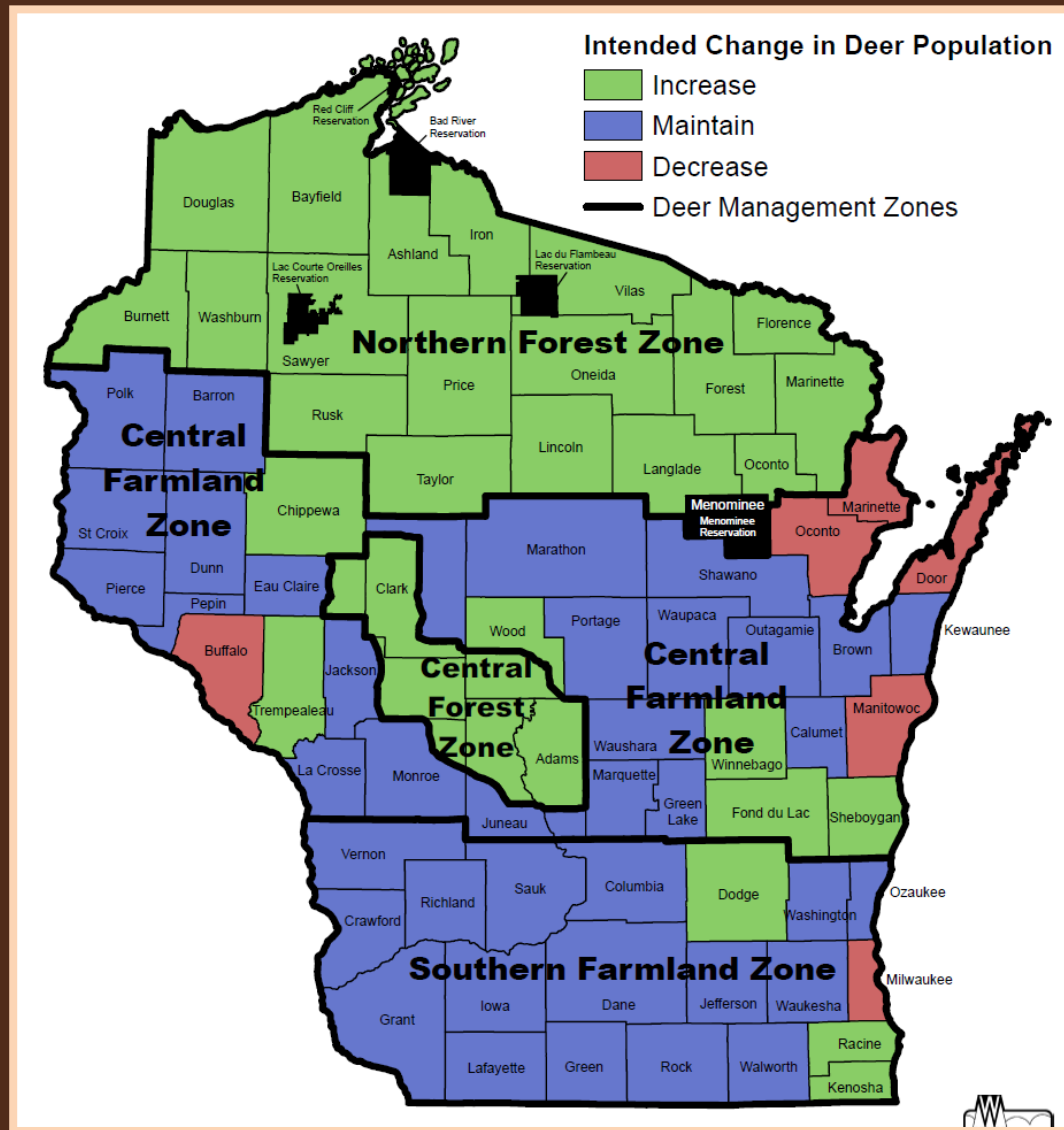
Feb. 25: Final population objective recommendations go to the Natural Resources Board for approval

Implement three-year population objectives

- What are population objectives and how can they be achieved?
 - Quota recommendations
 - Season frameworks



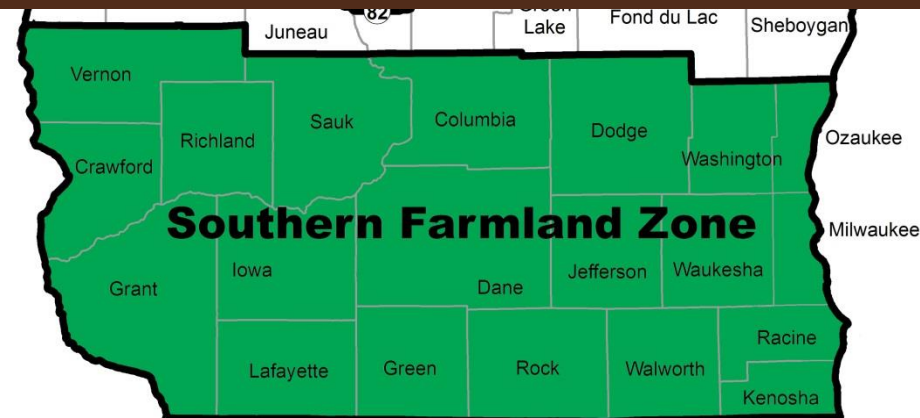
Final CDAC Recommendations



County Deer Advisory Councils

- CDACs could recommend a variety of additional season frameworks.
- **Natural Resources Board requested feedback:
Should implementation be across an entire
zone, or county-by-county?**
- Recommendations could be in effect for three years.

OR



Proposed CDAC Options

Farmland Zones

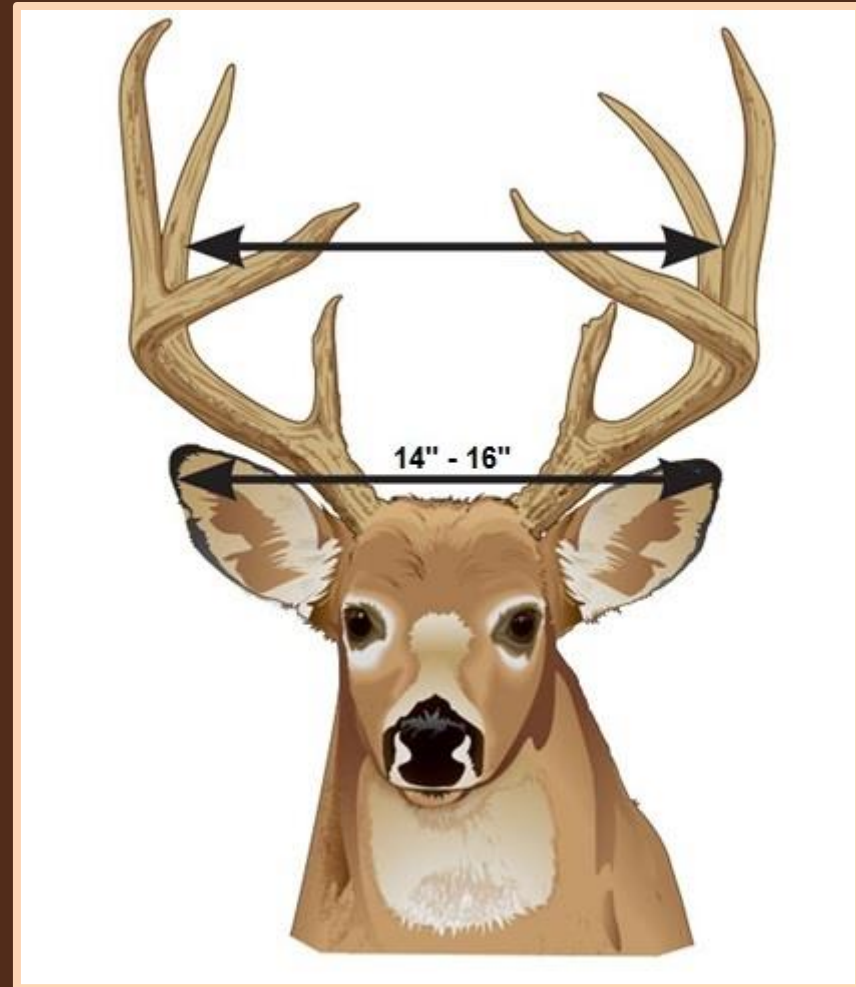
- Buck harvest during the holiday hunt.
- Bonus buck in a Farmland Zone.
- In the Southern Farmland Zone, a December four-day antlerless-only firearm season.
- In the Central Farmland Zone, the holiday hunt.



Proposed CDAC Options

Farmland Zones

- Buck harvest during the holiday hunt restricted to deer with:
 - four antler points on one side or,
 - an antler spread width that is wider than the spread of the deer's ears.



Proposed CDAC Options

Any Zone

- Limit harvest to antlerless deer-only for all archery or firearm seasons.
- Buck harvest limited to the first two days of the 9-day firearm season.

Public comment period
ends Sunday, February 1st.



Questions?

